

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 16 JUNE 2016  
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (GOVERNANCE)

**Appeal Decisions 11/05/2016 to 02/06/2016**

1. DCLG No: C1950/15/3138207
- Application No: ENF/2014/0216
- Appeal By: Mr C Potter
- Site: 59 Georges Wood Road, Brookmans Park, Hatfield
- Proposal: Operational Development - works not in accordance with approved plans (S6/2009/0328/FP)
- Summary: The main issue was the impact of the proposal on the character and appearance of its surroundings. Whilst the Inspector noted that Georges Wood Road clearly has origins as a planned and coherent estate with predominantly open front gardens, they considered that it now has a more varied character – notably with a number of other properties now having front boundary walls and/or gates above 1.0m. The Inspector further considered that a reduction in the height of the pillars and gates to 1.0m would make little difference in terms of visual impact, and that the open metal gates used do not cause an unreasonable visual barrier in any case. Accordingly, the Inspector judged the scheme is in-keeping with the character of the area – because there was also judged to be no harm to highway safety, the appeal was allowed.
- Decision: Enforcement Appeal Allowed
- Delegated or  
DMC Decision: Delegated